# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
# LOK SABHA

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ACCESS DEFICIT CHARGE
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Telecommunication Dispute Settlement Authority (TDSET) has turned down the request of MTNL to stay the implementation of new provisions of the Access Deficit Charge (ADC) to be effective from the February 1, 2005;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to compensate the MTNL for reduction in ADC?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) According to Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), the overall ADC amount specified for the fixed line operators has not been reduced. There has been reduction in ADC per minute rates. This has become possible as a result of subscriber growth especially in Mobile segment and resultant increases in the minutes that fund the ADC. Further, it has been stated by TRAI that all the fixed line operators, including MTNL, have been provided ADC funds of the same order as specified under the earlier regime of 29th October, 2003 which was applicable from 1.2.2004 to 31.1.2005.